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QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS

On the 5th September, 1899, at 122, Praya Street, the will of Mr. J. ROBERTSON, of a son.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, September 6th, 1899.

As a consequence of the Secretary of

State's circular despatch on the subject

of leprosy, coupled with the enlargement

of the colony's boundaries, the Government

will sooner or later have to undertake the

establishment of a leper retreat. Until the

other day the Royal College of Physicians

was of opinion that leprosy was non-con-

tagious, and successive Secretaries of State

having been guided by the opinions of that

body, proposals for the compulsory segrega-

tion of lepers in the various colonies not

possessing responsible government have

almost invariably been forbidden or dis-

couraged, although in the case of certain

self-governing colonies legislation with that

object has received Her Majesty's assent.

In view of the change of opinion embodied

in the recent report of the Royal College of Physicians the Secretary of State is now

REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

(Supplied to the "Daily Press.")

LONDON, 2nd September.

THE TRANVAAL QUESTION.

British despatches which have been published

confirm what has already been cabled. Mr.

Chamberlain's despatch of the 28th August

reminds the Transvaal that there are other

matters of difference which cannot be set-

tled by the grant of the Franchise to the

Uitlanders—which are not proper subjects for

arbitration, and which should be settled

separately with the question now under

discussion and should form, with arbi-

tration, subjects for consideration at the pro-

posed conference at Cape Town.

Reuter's Correspondent at Pretoria states

that the Transvaal has replied to Mr. Cham-

berlain's despatch of the 28th August. It is

understood the Republic agrees to the Con-

ference at Cape Town, promises to explain the

working of the Franchise, and to accept sug-

gestions.

Consequent upon the arrest of Mr. Fokem-

an, the editor of the Johannesburg Leader, on

charge of high treason, a panic prevails at

Johannesburg.

Detachments have been sent on foot to the

Simmer Mine for arms.

The trains for Natal are crowded with fugi-

tives.

Dr. Cantle, on an analysis of the cases

that had come under his observation, arrived

at the conclusion that "leprosy can be

"and is caught" in Hongkong, be the

"source" of infection what it may. "In

"other words, leprosy is endemic in Hong-

"kong." He favoured the establishment of a

retreat, not only on the ground of lessening

the risk of contagion, but also on

humanitarian grounds, to afford a home for

the leper outcast. The doctor looks upon

its beyond doubt that we will have leprosy

spread to other than Chinese in this colony.

Happily that contingency has not yet arisen.

Up to the time he wrote his monograph Dr.

Cantle had not seen neither had he heard

of any European being attacked in Hong-

kong, nor had he seen a case amongst the Por-

tuguese. He goes on to say, however—

"That some cases have occurred I have no

"doubt, and we have the example at Singa-

"pore before us of Europeans being attacked.

"An English girl eleven years of age passed

"through Hongkong the other day on her

"way from Singapore. Her father had

"contracted leprosy in Singapore, and

"died thereof, and now this child

"was the victim. The propriety of

"her travelling about in mail pa-

"senger steamers may be questioned,

"but there is no law against it, there-

"fore she does not offend. In other countries,

"however, we hear of numerous examples.

"From India more than one surgeon has

"gone home to die of leprosy. From Am-

"erica, North and South, many instances

"are recorded. In Australia European

"women have contracted the disease from

"their leprosy husbands." In Den-

"mark the General Commanding the Troops,

"his wife and children, all died of leprosy.

"Instances such as these, rare though they

"be, go to show that the segregation of

"lepers in Hongkong is of importance to

"the European as well as to the Native

"community. It has been objected to the

"establishment of a leper retreat that the

"good treatment the inmates would re-

"ceive under the British Government would

"attract great numbers of lepers from the

"adjacent provinces of China anxious to

"escape from the hardships of their lot in

"their own country. That difficulty, how-

"ever, would be easily met by restrict-

"ing admission to the retreat to natives

"of the colony and those who had resided

"here for a sufficient length of time to es-

"tablish the presumption that they had con-

"tracted the disease here: other lepers,

"whether mendicant or well-to-do, should be

"returned to their own country as soon as

SUPREME COURT.

September 6th.

In Original Jurisdiction.

BEFORE THE HON. W. MORGAN GOODMAN

(Acting Chief Justice).

THE ON FAT WING FIRM V. A. R. MARK.

This was a claim against Mr. A. R. Mark,

merchandise and shipping carrying, the On Fat

Wing Firm, whose place of business is at 15,

Bonham Street, for damages for non-delivery

of ten tons of oil, valued at \$1,700, al-

leged to have been destroyed through the

negligence of defendant servants.

The Hon. H. Pollock (Acting Attorney-

General), instructed by Messrs. Wilkinson

and Grist, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr.

W. Shide, instructed by Messrs. Denon and

W. Shide, for the defendant.

Mr. Shide asked for permission to recall Cap-

tain Barrie to prove the value of the oil

deposited for the purpose of showing it would

be impossible to put four tons of oil

into the vessel. The Hon. Chief Justice

refused the application.

Mr. Shide then called for the recall of

the Hon. H. Pollock (Acting Attorney-

General), who was recalled. The Hon. Chief

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THE ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

NINE HOLE COMPETITION.

A series of matches between the

players during July and August under the

following conditions: Each competitor to play

each other competitor a match of nine holes; all

holes to be played out and the order of holes

along the players; matches to be played in any order

and at any time by the 31st August; competi-

tors not completing their matches, all

qualified, and should any competitor be absent

because he may have played to be considered

cancelled.

Twelve members entered, but of them only

four fulfilled the conditions, those were:

Mr. W. T. May ..... 17 holes up

Mr. C. W. May ..... 12

Mr. G. Stewart ..... 3 down

Mr. C. H. Green ..... 16

CORPORAL ALMOND TO RECEIVE AN ITALIAN MEDAL.

The following correspondence has been for-

warded to us for publication:

THE ITALIAN CONSUL TO THE COLONIAL

SECRETARY.

Hongkong, 2nd September, 1899.

Sir,—Having received the papers that on the

5th June Colonel Almond was presented with

the medal of the Royal Italian Society to

Corporal Almond, I have the honour to

inform you that the medal has been

presented to him by the Italian Consul at

Hongkong, and that he has received it with

gratitude. I have, &c.,

G. VOLPPELLI,

Honourable J. H. Stewart Lockhart, C.M.G.,

Colonial Secretary, Hongkong.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY TO THE

ITALIAN CONSUL.

Hongkong, 5th September, 1899.

Sir,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt

of your letter No. 286 of the 2nd instant, and

in reply to inform you that the medal of the

Italian Society to Corporal Almond has been

presented to him by the Italian Consul at

Hongkong, and that he has received it with

gratitude. I have, &c.,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,

Colonial Secretary.

OUTRAGE ON A FRENCH PRIEST.

The Echo de Chine publishes particulars of an

outrage which took place at Yungfung, in

the province of Szechuan, on the 5th July. It

appears that the Christian village of Yungfung

was attacked by a band of brigands. The

priest, who was out for the purpose of

preaching, was seized and carried off to a

remote spot. The brigands, who were

armed with swords and spears, treated the

priest with great cruelty. They stripped

him of his clothing, and then bound him

to a tree. The priest, who was a French

man, was a member of the Society of the

Jesus. He was a man of great piety, and

was much respected by the people of the

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